

WILSON PROTESTS SEIZURES OF MAIL

PRESIDENT DECLARES THAT INTERFERENCE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED LONGER.

INTENDED FOR ALL ALLIES

To Submit Will Permit Further Violations of International Law on Ground of Military Necessity.

Washington.—Vigorously asserting the principle that neutral mails are inviolable, President Wilson has warned Great Britain and France that this government will no longer tolerate interference with "genuine correspondence" passing between the United States and other neutral nations or between the United States and the enemies of the allied powers.

"Genuine correspondence" is interpreted by the United States to include shipping documents, money order lists and other papers of that character, even though relating to "enemy supplies or exports," unless they are carried on the same ship with property admittedly subject to belligerent inspection.

The American note, which, while addressed to England, is intended as much for France as it is for Great Britain, was delivered to both the British and French Ambassadors, who are assumed to have transmitted it without delay to their respective governments. The counselor of the British embassy called at the state department for a conference with Secretary of State Lansing, presumably on questions raised in the note.

Blockade Protest to Be Sent Soon.

Secretary Lansing said after the cabinet meeting that a separate note renewing the American protest against the British long-range blockade, which Germany has described as an effort to starve the noncombatant population, also will be forwarded soon to the London foreign office.

After reviewing a series of specific losses that have resulted to American citizens as the result of interference with their mails—losses for which the United States notified Great Britain and France they will be held responsible—the president, through Secretary Lansing, tersely announced the government's position on the mail question in this language:

"The government of the United States, in viewing the improper methods employed by the British and French authorities in interrupting mails between the United States and the enemies of Great Britain, and between the United States and other neutral nations, cannot longer tolerate the wrongs which citizens of the United States have suffered and continue to suffer through the methods."

"To submit," the note continues, "to a lawless practice of this character would open the door to repeated violations of international law by the belligerent powers on the ground of 'military necessity,' of which the violator would be the sole judge. Manifestly, a neutral nation cannot permit its rights on the high seas to be determined by belligerents or the exercise of those rights to be permitted or denied arbitrarily by the government of a warring nation."

ARIZONA MILITIA BACKWARD

Only 75 Guardsmen Join Federal Service After Call—Conditions in New Mexico Better.

San Antonio, Texas.—Trial by courtmartial of the Texas militiamen who failed to present themselves for muster when called for service with the regular army on the border may result in similar proceedings in Arizona and New Mexico. It was indicated at Gen. Funston's headquarters the militia organizations in those states were far more demoralized than in Texas.

The fact that only a few more than 100 failed in Texas when the call came was regarded by officers here as indicating a high morale of the Texas guardsmen, but in Arizona only five officers and 70 men have been sworn into the regular service. The situation in New Mexico is reported to be somewhat better.

Church Keeps Ban on Amusements.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y.—The Methodist general conference refused, by a vote of 435 to 360, to remove from the discipline of the church the clause which provides the penalty of expulsion for church members who play cards, dance and attend the theater.

Short College Course for Farmers.

Agricultural College, Mississippi.—A six weeks' course for farmers will be run at the agricultural and mechanical college here in connection with the summer school from June 6 to July 15.

Thaw Shoots Down Fokker.

Paris.—Lieut. William Thaw of the Franco-American corps has shot down a Fokker aeroplane in the region of Verdun. He has twice been decorated and twice mentioned in the orders of the day.

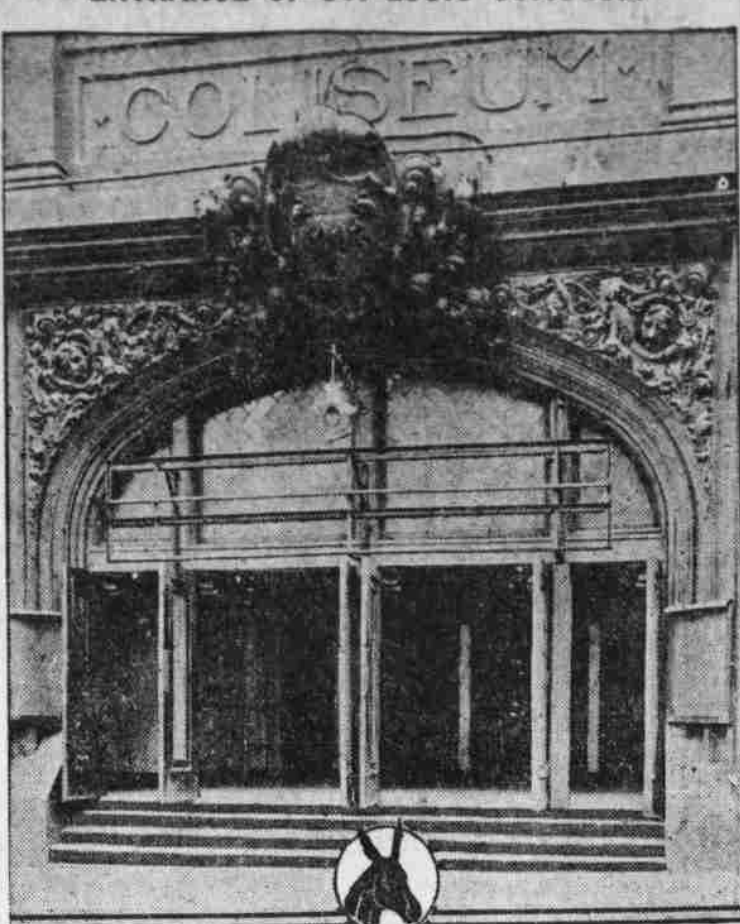
Three Italian Ships Sunk.

New York.—Three Italian ships have been submerged, according to dispatches from Rome. The ships were the *Levanza*, 3,713 tons; the *Washington*, 2,819 tons; and the *Bismarck*, 2,215 tons. The passengers and crews were saved.

Military Training in Chicago Schools.

Chicago.—Military training for high school pupils was approved by the board of education at a meeting here. The course approved was made optional with the pupils.

ENTRANCE OF ST. LOUIS COLISEUM



MEXICAN PAPERS PEEVED NOT TO DEBATE IRELAND

ASSAIL POLICY OF U. S. IN LATIN AMERICA.

Conspirators Desire to See Gen. Scott in National Palace, Government Organ Says.

Mexico City, Mexico.—The government newspapers in the editorials today make savage attacks on the policy of the United States in Latin America which they denounce as imperialistic and hypocritical. Col. Roosevelt is charged with trying to foment war and the newspapers assert that President Wilson is unable to cope with this "campaign of the Republican party."

One of the principal administration organs says: "The Mexican nation cannot permit itself to be made the tool of the Yankee felony or submit to the corruption of American gold."

The American conspirators are aided by the machinations of Mexicans who desire to see Gen. Scott in the national palace, tutor of a government presided over by Calero, Angeles, Gamboa and De LaGarza.

Foreign Minister Aguilar issued a statement saying that in spite of the agreement made by General Scott with General Obregon that no more American troops would cross the border, 400 of the United States troops have entered Mexican territory in pursuit of bandits near Boguillas. The statement says that those troops have now been withdrawn from Mexican soil.

NAVAL OFFICER KILLS SELF

Sag Harbor, L. I.—Lieut. Clarence Alvin Richards, commander of the United States destroyer *Fanning*, was instantly killed by an electric shock in the station of the Sag Harbor Light and Power Co. here.

Harry D. Christian, night watchman at the station, said it appeared to him the lieutenant deliberately took hold of two heavily charged wires.

Lieut. Richards was appointed to the navy from Kansas and was 34 years old.

Why Lieut. Richards was ashore at the sailing orders were issued is unknown.

RAID OFFICES OF DRUG PLANT

Wichita, Kansas.—Records in the office here of Dr. C. L. Katz were seized by federal officers in a raid. Dr. Katz is in custody in Kansas City, Mo., pending investigation of alleged extensive trafficking in habit-forming drugs which are said to have been supplied from Wichita to persons in St. Louis, Des Moines, Ia., Omaha, Neb., and Kansas City, Mo.

The federal officers, led by Dr. Albert Brown of the internal revenue service, reported that records seized by them indicated that Katz has received since April 1 more than 500 eight-ounce bottles of morphine and two and one-half pounds of opium. None of these drugs were found.

Woman Kills Six-Foot Lizard.

San Francisco.—While hunting on the coast of Honduras, Mrs. D. C. Jackling, wife of a copper magnate, shot with her rifle a lizard six feet long. The trophy to her prowess was an iguana, a denizen of the American tropics.

World's Record for Cod Catch.

Grimby, England.—All records for proceeds from a fishing voyage to the cod waters of Iceland have been broken by the trawler *Aspasia*, the 24,000 cod bringing \$22,750. The catch was made in three weeks.

Miners to Share Profits.

Denver, Colo.—Increases in wages, generally on a profit sharing basis, affecting approximately 5,000 metal miners of Colorado, is to be made by the leading operators. The change is to become effective on June 1.

On Trial for Smuggling.

Seattle, Wash.—Thirteen alleged members of a so-called "yellow owl" smuggling ring are on trial, accused of having brought large quantities of opium and Chinese from Vancouver, B. C., to this country in fast launches.

Seventeen on Motor Truck Hurt.

Los Angeles.—Seventeen persons were injured when a motor truck carrying a motion picture company turned over on a country road. Thirty men and women were on the truck, which skidded into a ditch.

QUESTION WILL NOT COME UP IN COMMONS.

Leaders of All Factions Agree That Premier Is Sincere in Effort to Effect Settlement.

London, England.—The house of commons was the scene of an unusual demonstration of unity when the leaders of all factions came to the aid of the prime minister in an effort for a lasting settlement of the Irish question. A heated and acrimonious debate, it had been predicted, would follow Premier Asquith's expected statement regarding the situation, but Asquith's speech took an unexpected turn. Instead of giving details, he made an earnest plea for the settlement among the contending parties in Ireland, and announced that David Lloyd-George had undertaken the delicate task of bringing the hostile factions together.

The premier concluded with an appeal that for the time all debate on the question, both in the house of commons and outside, be suspended in view of the adverse effects such an argument might have in the difficult undertaking facing the government.

KAISER READY TO TALK PEACE

Continued Successes in Arms Would Free Valiant Country of Any Charge of Weakness.

Berlin, Germany.—In connection with Germany's readiness for peace, your correspondent is in a position to indicate certain views which are held in the highest official quarters: Germany is ready to make peace now or at any future time.

The German government is willing to talk peace, not only because the bulk of the German people naturally want peace and because in view of the increasing strength of Germany's position, this expressed desire for peace cannot be interpreted as a sign of weakness by her enemies, but also because according to the present military situation Germany has more than accomplished her aim in war, namely, to secure her boundaries against the future possibility of invasion and now hold more than enough enemy territory as pawns to warrant participation in a peace conference.

In other words, there is more than a strong hint here that a bargain peace is to be had for quick takers now, but that the price of peace will be advanced in the near future and will continue to go up the longer Germany's enemies hold off.

WOMAN, 70, WALKS 100 MILES

Little Rock, Arkansas.—Mrs. Mary Gabbert, 70 years old, "plumb wore out" from a walk of 100 miles to ask for a pardon for her son, rested here with the promise of Gov. Hays that he would be released from a three years' sentence for grand larceny and would join her immediately.

Mrs. Gabbert planned to walk another 35 miles to the state farm to deliver the pardon herself, but was dissuaded. The aged woman was accompanied by her 8-year-old grandson in her three weeks' tramp here from her home in Dermott, Ark.

Correct Civil War Error.

Washington.—A former union soldier who was paid \$50 too much when discharged at the end of the civil war has returned the money to the treasury, with \$100 interest. The contribution went into the conscience fund.

President of China Will Resign.

London.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic, has announced definitely that he will resign, awaiting the choice of a suitable successor, the Pekin correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph reports.

U. S. Navy Aviator Killed.

Pennacola, Florida.—Lieutenant J. Vincent Rockwell, a civil engineer in the United States navy, who was in training as an aviator, was killed when a navy aeroplane he was piloting dived 150 feet into the Gulf. The machine was badly damaged.

Boy Wins Sewing Contest.

Havans, Ill.—Paul Rariden, 12 years old, took first prize in a school sewing exhibit of fancy work in which there were more than 100 contestants. All the others were girls.

BULGARIANS OPEN WAR ON GREEKS

STRONG FORCE ENTERS COUNTRY WITHOUT RESISTANCE OF NATIVES.

LONG EXPECTED, IT HAPPENS

Protests Sent to Representatives at Foreign Capitals—Belief Prevails That No Action Will Be Taken By Military Arm.

London.—At French headquarters in the Balkans it was announced that Bulgarians had occupied the Greek forts of Rupel, Dragotin and Spatovo, and were advancing from Demir-Hissar toward Kavalla.

The Greek forts of Rupel and Dragotin are respectively, six and nine miles north of the town of Demir-Hissar, while Spatovo fort lies four miles east of that town. Kavalla, on which the Bulgarians are said to be marching is a seaport on the Aegean Sea.

A dispatch to Reuters' Telegraph Co. from Saloniki says: "Strong forces of Bulgarians, estimated to number 25,000 crossed the Greek frontier at Rupel Pass and occupied the Greek fort and earthworks at the entrance to the Struma gorge, near Demir-Hissar. The Greek garrison retired without offering any resistance."

Greek Ministry Protests.

Athens.—Greece's protest against the military operations undertaken by the central powers and Bulgaria in Greek Macedonia, was forwarded to the minister of Greece at Berlin, Vienna and Sofia.

The Bulgarians entered Greek territory and this has caused violent comment in the press and considerable agitation among the people.

The Greek military authorities here claim they were unable to communicate with their troops in Eastern Macedonia. The belief is general here that it is the intention of the Greek government to confine its actions to a protest.

Servians at Saloniki.

Paris, France.—After crossing the Aegean Sea without loss, the Serbian army in four strength, has now landed at Saloniki, according to dispatches to the Central News Agency.

Servia's new army has been variously estimated to number between 80,000 and 100,000 men and officers. It was reorganized on the island of Corfu, which is approximately 700 or more miles distant by water from Saloniki.

Telegraphers Talk Strike.

New York.—Owing to the prejudice with which union labor is regarded by the officials of the various telegraph companies, the commercial operators are said to be planning a walk out on the eve of the national political conventions. They ask union recognition, shorter hours and more money.

Illinois Boy, 14, Hangs Self.

Coffeen, Ill.—Oran Snow, 14 years old, son of W. D. Snow, committed suicide by hanging himself. The body was found by members of the family.

Jury Frees Bank Heads.

Washington.—The three Riggs bank officials on trial here for perjury were found not guilty after the jury had deliberated nine minutes. The government had made a charge of perjury.

Athelete Gives Own Blood.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Wallace Hamilton gave nearly a quart of his blood in an effort to save the life of Henry Wirtz. Hamilton had never before heard of Wirtz.

Miss Silliman Released.

Berlin.—An announcement was made of the release of Miss Mary Silliman, a teacher in the American school for girls at Constantinople, who was arrested on suspicion of espionage at Warnemunde, Germany, a month ago.

Drowns Trying to Rescue Four.

Des Moines, Ia.—Frank Battison of New Westminster, B. C., was drowned in the Des Moines river when he attempted to rescue four friends whose boat had capsized.

Asks Deficiency Appropriation.

Washington.—An urgent deficiency appropriation of \$3,089,290, to meet obligations due on the border and in Mexico was asked of congress by Secretary Baker. Of this amount, \$2,297,975 is for transportation of the army and its supplies and \$1,612,315 for army horses.

Doctor Kills Husband in Duel.

Kinder, La.—Mrs. William Knouse, whose husband was killed here in a pistol duel with Dr. Henry Buck in the city of the Buck home, has been conveyed to the parish jail at Oberlin, pending further investigation of the affair.

Offending Aviator Dismissed.

Berne.—The German minister here has informed the Swiss government that the German aviator who violated Swiss territory by flying over it has been dismissed from the service.

Tornado in Kansas.

Kansas City.—Pittsburg, Kan., was struck by a tornado which did about \$20,000 damage. Several residences were blown down and many others damaged. No one was injured.

Veto on Brandeis Thursday.

Washington.—The senate will act on the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for associate justice of the supreme court with confirmation virtually assured. Even Republican opponents of Brandeis think he will be confirmed.

MISSOURI PROUD OF LITERARY LIGHTS

WRITERS' GUILD PREPARING BULLETIN SETTING OUT NAMES AND WORK DONE.

CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Mark Twain the Dean of Missouri's Literary, and Eugene Field Sheds Luster on Our Name—Indiana Put to Shame.

Jefferson City. Missouri authors will be shown as the equal, in quantity and quality of their output, of those of Indiana or any other state, in the first bulletin of the Missouri Writers' Guild, which the guild's president, Lee Shippey, of Higginsville is preparing to issue.

Shippey is asking that Missouri novelists, playwrights, short story and feature writers and poets notify him of recent books and magazine articles of theirs which have been published or accepted for publication. He now has enough matter in hand to indicate that he can claim a front rank for Missourians in literary work.

It is planned to issue monthly bulletins hereafter, telling of the work Missourians are doing in literature. The first bulletin will list, as Missouri authors, Mark Twain, Eugene Field, Winston Churchill, Augustus Thomas, Rupert Hughes, Rose O'Neill, Fannie Hurst, Harold Bell Wright, John B. Ellis, Edna Kenton and Homer Gray.

Any Missourian who is the author of a book published on the royalty basis, or three or more stories or articles in publications of national circulation, is eligible to active membership in the guild, and any Missourian who aspires to write can be an associate member.

Socialists File Full Ticket.

Kate Richards O'Hare of St. Louis, socialist and suffrage worker, filed her declaration as a candidate for United States senator. If she should succeed in defeating James A. Reed or the Republican nominee for United States senator, she can qualify. There is no provision in the federal constitution which would prevent her from taking her seat.

She is the first woman who ever filed for state office in Missouri. Her filing fee was \$100. This has been paid to the Socialist state committee, and the receipt was filed with her declaration. Frank P. O'Hare, husband of Mrs. Kate Richards O'Hare, filed for attorney general.

The Socialists have filed an entire state ticket with but one candidate for each office, the organization having chosen the most suitable material. The list shows the most important aspirants.

Kate Richards O'Hare of St. Louis, for senator in congress (United States) for Missouri.

William J. Adams of Kansas City, for governor.

Otto Vierling of St. Louis, for secretary of state.

J. P. Harlow of Joplin, for state treasurer.

William R. Bowden of St. Louis, for state auditor.

Frank P. O'Hare of St. Louis, for attorney general.

Kenneth B. Martin of Springfield, for judge of the supreme court, Division No. 1.

Students from All Over the World.

Students from all parts of the world gather at the University of Missouri at Columbia. The recent election of the Cosmopolitan Club gives some idea of the world-wide reputation of the institution. The officers for the coming year are: J. H. Wallace, Edinburg, Scotland, president; Miss Edith Cummins, Lincoln, Neb., vice-president; Hung Lum Chung, Honolulu, secretary; Miss Mary MacKay, Earlton, Nova Scotia, assistant secretary, and S. K. Cho, Pinyang, Korea, treasurer.

New Use for Free Seeds Found.

The state board of agriculture has found a new use and advantage in government free garden seed. Jewell Mayes, secretary of the board, has been fostering the use of free seeds for planting town and country school grounds in plants and flowers. Senators and congressmen are pleased to furnish seeds for community, center uses.

Small Farms Profitable.

Arnold Martin, who the government says is the most successful farmer in the United States, is out in a statement concerning the size of a farm. In his own words: "Twenty acres is all I want to farm. That's enough land for any man. 320 acres is a misfortune, and 640 acres a calamity."

Experiment Station Best.

"You have just cause to be proud of your experiment station," said E. W. Allen of Washington, D. C., after an inspection of the large plant at the State University at Columbia. "It ranks with the best stations in the country, and it has done useful and fundamental work." Dr. Allen told how congressman William Hatch, of Missouri, in 1887 fought through congress the bill which established the experiment stations. He was the father of the American system of experiment stations.

Moving Up Clocks.

Kansas City has adopted a plan to secure more daylight by moving up the clock one hour, so that those who go to work at 7 will really be at labor at 6. St. Louis has a similar measure under consideration, and if the large cities at either end of the state take up the matter it is only a question of a few weeks until it prevails all over Missouri.

This practice has been started in all the warring countries of Europe so that the men will have more time to fight.

Shameful Progress

The last general assembly of this state appropriated the sum of \$12,500 for the use and benefit of the blind of Missouri, conditioned upon the raising of a like amount by private subscription. The Missouri Commission has devoted much time to the campaign, and so far has secured only \$59 toward the amount.

A St. Louis paper in an editorial on the subject has the following: "The amount collected by the Missouri Commission for the Blind is now \$59.25. This is pitiful, shameful, unpardonable. The commission must raise \$12,500 in order to get the \$12,500 appropriation which the last legislature provided with a string."

"What a ridiculous thing it is to contemplate the donation of \$59.25 by the people of the state of Missouri to the most deserving afflicted for whom the public of this state are responsible."

"The public doesn't seem to realize that if \$12,500 is not raised through public subscription, not one cent will be available from the state, and there will be no money to care for the Missouri blind. We are certain the people will not tolerate this condition. Add a mite now and demand from the next legislature a reasonable sum."

Filings Increase as End Nears.

The following additional candidates have filed their declarations with the secretary of state:

Joseph Park, LaPlata, Progressive, for judge of division No. 1 of the supreme court.

Joseph J. Crites, Rolla, Democrat, for lieutenant governor.

James J. Kyle, Thornfield, Republican, for lieutenant governor.

Charles T. Orr, Webb City, Republican, congressman fifteenth district.

M. J. Gill, St. Louis, Democrat, congressman, twelfth district.

Ralph B. Latschaw, Kansas City, Democrat, judge of the criminal court of Jackson County.

John A. Rich, Slater, judge of the criminal court of the fifteenth circuit.

Otto Stifel is Chairman.

Herbert S. Hadley's ambitions to head the Missouri delegation to the Republican National Convention at Chicago were crushed at the meeting of the delegation held at the Marquette Hotel in St. Louis last Tuesday.

Otto F. Stifel, the St. Louis brewer, was elected chairman of the body by a vote of 21 to 7.

Berryman Henwood of Hannibal was nominated for the chairmanship by Polite Elvins, former chairman of the State Republican Committee, but withdrew his name in favor of Stifel. The brewer was elected on the first ballot. Nine of the delegates did not attend the meeting.

Hadley was presented by W. C. Heuston, a Kansas City negro. T. W. Neidringhaus, member of the national committee, cast his vote for Hadley. Henwood was made a member of the committee on resolutions.

High School Exercises.

Commencement exercises for the Jefferson City high schools were held last Thursday night and E. A. Mayhall, chief clerk in the state insurance department delivered the address. Charles Tweedle, the president of the board of education presented the diplomas. There were 38 members of the class.

Urges New Interurban Line.

R. F. Palmblade, of Peoria, took charge of McKinley properties at Jefferson City last week, succeeding D. W. Snyder, as superintendent. The latter becomes superintendent of the McKinley property at Danville, Ill.

Jefferson City and Columbia are trying to interest McKinley in the construction of an interurban railway between the two places. Mr. Palmblade is said to favor the project, and he is the one who will pass upon its feasibility.

Honors Requisition.

Governor Major has honored the requisition of the governor of Oklahoma for the extradition of Herbert Caldwell, alias "Curley" Caldwell, who is under arrest in St. Louis and is wanted in Oklahoma City on the charge of fraud.

Good Roads Again.

Many counties in the state are preparing to hold or have already held an election looking to the improvement of the public highways in their domain. No one is opposed to good roads per se, but sometimes it is expedient not to be in too much of a hurry.

Headquarters Leased.

The St. Louis City Committee of the Democratic party has leased a double storeroom in the Central National Bank building, as headquarters for Missouri Democrats during the coming convention of that party. All citizens of that political persuasion will be welcomed at all hours of the day or night.

Protest Hadley's Humiliation.

There is talk among the Hadley faction of the Republican party of Cole county of holding a mass meeting to demand the recall of Prosecuting Attorney David W. Peters as one of the delegates from the eighth Missouri District to the Republican National Convention.

The row is because Peters voted for Otto F. Stifel, the St. Louis brewer, for chairman of the Missouri delegation and thereby aided materially in the humiliation of the former governor.

Growing Crops Not Assets.

Growing crops cannot be considered assets of bankrupt farmers, according to a ruling of a federal court in Montana. Missouri courts have often held the opposite opinion, and it is safe law.

Other Filings.

Another Progressive declared for office when Frederick Rhodes of Eldorado Springs filed for the nomination of his party for judge of the Springfield court of appeals. There are only a few of that party running.